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Demonstrating Support for Homeless Count Week 2013

The 2013 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count will take place on January 29th, 30th, and 31st, 2013. Thousands of volunteers will partner with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) to conduct the street count enumeration that has occurred every two years since 2005.

While the count itself is federally-mandated, the purpose and benefits of conducting the homeless count go far beyond meeting a requirement. The data gathered will be extremely valuable to inform efforts to reduce and end homelessness across Los Angeles County. It will help service providers, policy makers, local governments, elected officials and other stakeholders understand the geographic and demographic diversity of homelessness so that the types of services and housing provided are responsive to the need in the community.

In addition, collecting this data provides an opportunity to track changes in the numbers and characteristics of the homeless population over time, and to monitor

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progress towards ending homelessness. We must make every effort to support this process and encourage volunteer participation in this important endeavor.

THEREFORE, I MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: proclaim the week of January 28, 2013 as *Homeless Count Week 2013*; and direct the Chief Executive Officer to work with the Executive Director of Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority; the Directors of the Departments of Public Social Services, Child Support, Mental Health, Health Services, Public Health, Parks and Recreation, Human Resources, Children and Family Services, Public Works and Community and Senior Services; the County Librarian, the Community Development Commission, Chief Information Office; Policy Roundtable for Child Care; the Los Angeles County Office of Education; and the Sheriff, to ensure support for the 2013 Homeless Count and encourage staff to volunteer.

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